Sūrah Al-Qāri'ah

(The Striking Event)

This Sūrah is Makkī, and it has 11 verses

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With the name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the Very-Merciful

Verses 1 - 11

اَلْقَارِعَةُ ﴿١﴾ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ ﴿٢﴾ وَمَآ اَدْرٰىكَ مَالْقَارِعَةُ ﴿٣﴾ يَوْمَ يَكُوْنُ
النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوْثِ ﴿٤﴾ وَتَكُوْنُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوْشِ
﴿٥﴾ فَاَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِيْنُهٗ ﴿٦﴾ فَهُوَ فِىْ عِيْشَةٍ رَّاضِيَةٍ ﴿٧﴾ وَاَمَّا
مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِيْنُهٗ ﴿٨﴾ فَاُمُّهٗ هَاوِيَةٌ ﴿٩﴾ وَمَآ اَدْرٰىكَ مَاهِيَهْ ﴿١٠﴾ نَارٌ
حَامِيَةٌ ﴿١١﴾

The Striking Event! [1] **What is the Striking Event?** [2] **And what may let you know what the Striking Event is?** [3] **(It will happen) on a day when people will be like scattered moths,** [4] **and the mountains will be like carded wool.** [5] **Then, the one whose scales (of good deeds) are heavy** [6] **will be in a happy life.** [7] **But he whose scales are light,** [8] **his abode will be Abyss.** [9] **And what may let you know what that (Abyss) is?** [10] **A blazing fire!** [11]

Human Deeds, Good or Bad, will be Weighed

This Sūrah mentions the weighing of human deeds. He whose scales are heavy will be led to Paradise, and he whose scales are light will be led to Hell. Please see Mā'ariful Qur'ān, Vol. 3/ pp 539-547, for a full and complete analysis of the Weighing of human deeds. The analysis also

allays the doubts raised against the concept of weighing of deeds.

We have also explained there that it appears from reconciliation of conflicting narrations and Qur'ānic verses that the weighing on Plain of Resurrection will take place twice. The first weighing will be to separate the believers from the non-believers. Anyone whose Book of Deeds is put on the scale and contains the belief (*'Īmān*) will be heavy, and the scale of anyone whose Ledger of Deeds does not contain *'Īmān* will be light. At this stage, the believers will be separated from the non-believers. Weighing on the second time will be to distinguish between good and evil deeds of the believers. The reference, in the present Sūrah, is probably to the first weighing in which the scale of every believer will be heavy regardless of his other deeds, while the scale of an unbeliever will be light, even though he might have performed some good acts.

It is explained in Maẓharī that the Holy Qur'ān generally contrasts the unbelievers and righteous believers, when speaking of retribution [reward or punishment], because the latter are the perfect believers. As for the believers who have performed righteous as well as unrighteous deeds, the Qur'ān is generally silent on the issue. However, the principle may be noted that on the Day of Judgement human deeds will not be counted, but weighed. Fewer good deeds with high degree of faith and sincerity, and in accordance with Sunnah will be heavier than many good deeds - prayers, fasting, charity and pilgrimage with lesser degree of faith and sincerity, or not completely in accordance with Sunnah.

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